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Ms. Dana Bahar
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Superfund Oversight Section
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Subject: Proposed National Priorities List status for the old Gulton Industries site

Dear Ms. Bahar:

Thank you for briefing the Water Protection Advisory Board on December 10, 2010 on the status of the old Gulton Industries site previously owned by Mark IV Industries, located at 14800 Central SE, Albuquerque. As you know, the City of Albuquerque, the County of Bernalillo and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, created the Water Protection Advisory Board (Board) to study groundwater protection, create policy to enhance groundwater protection and advocate for the protection of groundwater in the County.

The Board is writing to you to express our support for your efforts to have EPA add the site to the National Priorities List so that appropriate remedial action can proceed under the Superfund program. The site is immediately upgradient of substantial groundwater production for drinking water supply. Remediation has been suspended for nearly two years and significant contamination has migrated offsite.

Stopping the spread of this contamination and restoring the contaminated groundwater to beneficial use is clearly within the mission of the Superfund program, and consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. So we support the listing of this site on the NPL.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MJB', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael J. Bitner, Chair
Water Protection Advisory Board

cc: Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Board